GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3048
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LOSS TO INDUSTRIES DUE TO POWER FAILURE
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the industrial production was affected due to the recent power grid failure on 2nd January,2001;

(b) If so, the states in which industries were affected; (

(c) the estimated loss suffered by the industry;

(d) whether the Government are considering any effective steps to prevent such losses in future; and

(e) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN SINGH)

(a) to (e): A statement is enclosed.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3048 FOR 16.03.2001

(a) to (c) : There is a decline in industrial production during January 2001-the month in which grid collapse in the Northern Region occurred. However, availability of power is only one of the vital factors that affect industrial production. Moreover, it is not possible to accurately quantify the production losses suffered by the industries on account of the power shortages alone.

(d) & (e) : The important preventive measures being taken to avoid such incidents in future are as follows:

- Periodic preventive and regular maintenance of all HVDC, 400 KV and 220 KV lines and sub-stations.
- Introduction of free governor mode of operation at all generating stations.
- Ensuring proper operation of under frequency load shedding relays in State Electricity Boards (SEBs) distribution systems.
- Implementation of a rational commercial mechanism, which would induce SEBs to regulate their drawl and the generators to generate power according to schedules, to enable stabilization of voltage and frequency.
- Installation of capacitors at load centers of SEBs.